

HONOR FOR HEROISM

France to Present Gold Medal to San Francisco.

STRICKEN CITY THAT REVIVED.

French Ambassador to Deliver Latest Medal in Series Marking His Country's Friendship For United States. Will Commemorate Sister Republic's Grief and Appreciation of Courage.

M. Jussierand, the French ambassador to the United States, has written to Secretary of State Knox a letter telling of a gold medal which France wishes to present to the authorities in San Francisco to commemorate France's grief over the earthquake and fire and her appreciation of the heroism of the resurrection of the city following the disaster.

The ambassador tells of receiving from the United States government a medal commemorating the old Franco-American alliance just at the time the fire was destroying San Francisco. At that time the ambassador expressed the hope that one of the next medals to be struck and added to the series exchanged between the two countries would be on account of the San Francisco earthquake. The ambassador says:

"The words which I spoke thus spontaneously and under the influence of the emotion caused by that event turned out to agree so exactly with the sentiment of my country that the government of the republic at once appropriated them as its own. It consequently decided to justify them while at the same time the inhabitants of the devastated region were on their part setting about to restore their city to its original beauty with the very energy and success which it had been so easy to predict.

"In conformity, therefore, with the wish which I took the liberty to express a medal is to be added to the series of those which have marked from time to time ever since the earliest days of American independence the persistence of the sympathies which arose at the very beginning between our two countries—from the medals which commemorated the epoch of the alliance and of freedom down to the one which a popular French subscription enabled to be struck on the tragic death of Lincoln and to the one finally which the American republic offered to my country.

"This medal was ordered by the French government of Louis Botte, winner of the ancient prize of Rome and one of our best known medal designers. On one side is allegorically represented the city of San Francisco laying aside its shroud and issuing forth from the ruins, while on the other is France presenting a branch of laurel to America. The inscription calls to mind that the medal is offered to the American people and the city of San Francisco as a token of sympathy and admiration by the French republic.

"A single specimen in gold has been struck, and I have received orders from my government to go and deliver it in person to the authorities of San Francisco. I therefore appeal to your excellency's kind offices in informing the said authorities of the instructions which I have received. It is my intention, if suitable to them, to start about the middle of next month and to deliver the souvenir to them between the 20th and 25th of May."

Odd Honor For Noted Actress.
A wealthy American resident in Paris, after meditating how he might best express his admiration of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, has decided to send her half a dozen beautiful handkerchiefs artistically embroidered. Each "mouchoir" bears a design specially executed recalling the creations of the great tragedienne. The plays selected are "L'Aiglon," "La Princesse Lointaine," "Les Bouffons," "La Dame aux Camélias" and "La Vierge d'Avila." The sixth handkerchief has not yet been embroidered. Will it bear the name of Cyrano or the aureole of Jeanne d'Arc?

School For Flying.
The German Aerial Navy league recently announced that it is making arrangements to found an "airman's school" at Friedrichshafen, which, it is probable, will be opened in October. The course of study will cover three years, and the pupils will be trained in the handling of dirigible airships.

Marking Flodden Battlefield.
Scotland and England have agreed to forget all old unkindness and erect a monument on Flodden field in commemoration of the courage of their ancestors of 1513. Both sides are right, for the Scotch lost the battle quite as much by King James' high strung chivalry preventing him from using his strategic advantages as by the superiority of the English archery. Flodden was among the last of the great battles in which firearms counted for little or nothing.

FUJI MOUNTAIN.

The Spell Cast by Japan's Matchless Cone of Pearl.

Other mountains may be painted with some fair degree of truth and justice—even the beautiful Jungfrau—but not so Fuji. Its loveliness is so delicate and its moods so ever changing and evanescent that, no matter how skilled the artist, the most he can ever hope to accomplish is only to give some faint idea of its charm of a moment. The spell cast by the softness, grace and symmetry of that matchless cone of pearl floating in the sky is far beyond his reach.

Every nature worshiper visiting Japan has fallen in adoration at the foot of Fuji, and foreign writers and poets have followed their Japanese brothers in vainly attempting to describe the feelings with which they have been inspired.

Who that has seen the snow clad crest gleaming so white and pure against the deep blue of the winter sky will not admit that the mountain is worthy of all the praise that has been bestowed upon it, and more.

It is not only the physical charms of the mountain that cast so powerful a spell, though they alone would make of Fuji an object of homage to every lover of the beautiful in any land on earth, but it is also the wondrous web of legend spun around the snowy peak that is as charming and full of delightful mystery and sentiment as the moods of its beauty are capricious and fitful—a delicious combination that marks Fuji as unique among all the mountains of the earth.

Fuji is a dormant volcano—an isolated cone, tapering from a circumference of about a hundred miles at its base to but a fortieth part of that distance at the summit. It cannot be accounted extinct, for at the eastern side of the mountain top the ash is very hot in places, testifying to the presence of fissures leading to the fires below, which may at any time burst forth again.

Tradition tells us that Fuji rose from the earth in a single night, while simultaneously a great depression appeared in the earth, 150 miles away to the southwest, which is now filled with the waters of Lake Biwa.

Geologists say that Fuji is but a young volcano, not yet having destroyed its beauty by bursting the crater rim—a fate that usually overtakes mountains of this nature sooner or later.—Herbert G. Ponting in Metropolitan Magazine.

A Scalded Boy's Shrieks

horrified his grandmother. Mrs. Maria Taylor, of Nebo, Ky., who writes that when all thought he would die, Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured him. Infallible for burns, scalds, cuts, corns, wounds, bruises, cures fever sores, boils, skin eruptions, chilblains, chapped hands, soon roots piles. 25c. at Banner Drug Store.

Her Kick.

"I don't mind finding a gray hair or two in my own hair," sighed the bachelor girl who shows some few signs of the sear and yellow leaf, "but when I pay \$3 for a nice bunch of lovely brown curls and have to pick them out of those, too, it isn't fair. Do you think it is?"—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Pawnbrokers' Shops.

Pawnbrokers' shops were first established from motives of charity in the fifteenth century. Their object was to lend money to the poor upon pledges without interest. They were first supported by voluntary contributions, but it became necessary to charge interest upon the money loaned. These banks were first called "montes pietatis," the word "mont" being applied to any pecuniary fund, and it is possible that "pietatis" was added to give it an air of religion and so obtain larger subscriptions. The "montes pietatis" were also called "Lombards," from the name of the original money lenders, the Lombards, who came to London in the reign of Edward I. and established themselves in the street which bears their name and which in the reign of Queen Elizabeth was the handsomest street in London.—London Home Notes.

Money-Making Made Easy

During these strenuous times one is at a disadvantage if sick or bilious. An occasional dose of St. Joseph's Liver Regulator (either liquid or powders) will strengthen and brighten the entire person, thus keeping one in trim for the battles of life. Druggists and dealers sell it, liquid 50 cents a bottle; powders, in tin boxes, 25 cents a box. Give it a trial and satisfy yourself of its splendid regulating qualities. Don't forget the name—St. Joseph's. Take no other.

A FRIENDLY CACTUS.

No Need of Thirst in a Desert Where the Bisnaga Grows.

A cactus that will serve as a compass and a well is indeed a useful plant. In a book called "Campfires on Desert and Lava" W. T. Hornaday describes a barrel or bisnaga cactus, a deeply fluted and elaborately "spined" plant. The tradition is that every bisnaga always leans to the south. A majority of them do lean in that direction, but they are not absolutely to be depended upon. As a well, however, the plant is very valuable.

In times of stress for water the man who is tortured by thirst and heat can draw from it a cool and copious drink of water which surpasses the ambrosia of the gods. In Arizona in summer a man needs about two large gallons of water a day. Part or all of this water can be supplied from the bisnaga.

Here is our experience: On the third day out we stopped to get some water in this way. With his machete, which is really an Iowa corn cutter of Mexican antecedents and Connecticut manufacture, the doctor deftly cut off the upper part of a fine specimen that stood beside the trail. Next a smooth green stem from a nearby palo verde was whittled to the shape of a pounding stick. It is necessary to choose for this purpose a tree that does not yield bitter wood, for with the wrong kind of battering ram the flavor of the drink might easily be impaired.

The central surface of the decapitated bisnaga was attacked with this pounder, and white bits of cactus meat began to fly like the sparks from an anvil. Several handfuls of pulp were lost because there was nothing to hold them, but presently a cavity began to form.

The man whose hands were the cleanest was invited to take out some of the waterlogged pulp and wash himself. This done, he proceeded to take out the pulp, squeeze it dry and throw it away.

By alternate squeezings and poundings about three pints of white water were soon accumulated, and we stepped up and drank.

It was surprisingly cool, a trifle sweet and in flavor like the finest kind of raw turnip.

There is no need of thirsting in a desert where the barrel cactus flourishes.

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Seldom.

Writers do not always write clearly, and there are times when the wisest veils his wisdom or his ignorance, like the cuttlefish, in a swirl of ink. A correspondent has discovered the phrase—used in an evening paper—"not unseldom." He wonders what it means—how to unpick the knots of negatives, as it were, and find the positive. Let the attempt be made.

"Seldom" means "not often." Now, in English two negatives are supposed to make an affirmative. So "unseldom" will mean "not not often." Add another negative, and "not unseldom" should be equivalent to "not not not often." Now you can count your negatives and conclude. But it would save you trouble if the writer would write simply seldom.—London Chronicle.

"Welsh Rabbit" Parallels.

It is to be feared that the namer as well as the inventor of the "Welsh rabbit" is lost in antiquity. As early as the eighteenth century, when Grose expounded the vulgar tongue, the false "rarebit" derivation had crept in. "Welsh rabbit" is exactly parallel with "Scotch woodcock" and may be compared with the humorous nicknames of many other delicacies. Thus, a baked sheep's head used to be known as a "Field lane duck," a red herring as a "Glasgow magistrate," a "Norfolk capon" or a "two eyed steak," potatoes have appeared as "Irish apricots" or "Munster plums," and "Gravesend sweetmeats" were shrimps. In America a "Cape Cod turkey" is a codfish, and a "prairie oyster" is a drink. And the "colonial goose" of Australia represents a leg of mutton with savory trimmings.—London Chronicle.

Why Foam on Ink Is White.

The foam was white.

"How white the foam is!" said the pretty girl in a voice muffled by the sable stole drawn across her red mouth. "Yet the sea is green. Why, then, isn't the foam green?"

But the young sophomore laughed in derision of such ignorance.

"Gee, you are ignorant!" he said. "Beer is brown, but its foam is white too. Shake up black ink and you get white foam. Shake up red ink and the result is the same.

"A body that reflects all the light it receives without absorbing any is always white. All bodies powdered into tiny diamond form, so that they throw back the light from many facets, absorb none of it and are white by consequence. Powdered black marble, for instance, is white. And foam is water powdered into these small diamonds, and hence its whiteness."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"One Touch of Nature Makes the Whole World Kin"

When a rooster finds a big fat worm he calls all the hens in the farm yard to come and share it. A similar trait of human nature is to be observed when a man discovers something exceptionally good—he wants all his friends and neighbors to share the benefits of his discovery. This is the touch of nature that makes the whole world kin. This explains why people who have been cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy write letters to the manufacturers for publication, that others similarly ailing may also use it and obtain relief. Behind every one of these letters is a warm heartfelt wish of the writer to be of use to someone else. This remedy is for sale by Titusville Pharmacy.

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How Emery Is Quarried.

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Schools For Thieves.

In Tokyo there are regular schools in which thieving is taught by professionals. In Japan, as elsewhere, there is honor among thieves, and the entire "thieves' colony" in the capital of Japan is governed by rules that are rigorously enforced. Their "codex," or body of rules, prescribes that the youngest beggars and thieves shall retain 10 per cent of their earnings; pick-pockets of the second class retain from 30 to 40 per cent, while the most skillful thieves keep from 50 to 60 per cent of their earnings! The greater part of what then remains is employed in keeping the thieves' academies in efficient working order.

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